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4,000,000 WILL USE THE BIG STICK ON CONGRESS TO GET BALLOT

*Will Use Strength in Ten States to Whip Congress Into
Line—Will Hold the Democratic Party Responsible
Because It's the Party in Power.*

BY FREDERICK M. KERBY

Washington, Dec. 10.—"It's just a question of leverage—that's all!"

The speaker is Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the congressional committee of the woman suffrage association. Miss Paul is the big engineer who will try to pry loose this year from a backward congress the necessary amendment to the constitution for the enfranchisement of the whole feminine half of the population of the United States!

The question of leverage came up when I asked her to explain why the suffragists have changed their plan of campaign and are endeavoring to secure the federal amendment instead of pursuing only the policy of capturing the states one by one.

"You see," said Miss Paul, "in the beginning of the suffrage fight, the line of least resistance was to nab one state at a time. That necessitated practically the conversion—or attempted conversion—of the entire male population of each state. By that method we have succeeded in winning ten states. That means approximately four million women voters. And a woman voter becomes a very important thing to a congressman or a senator looking for re-election.

"That is why I say it is a question of leverage. Ten states—nearly four million voters—gives us a tremendous leverage on congress. We can now take the short-cut method in attempting to get a constitutional amendment.